

raised eight children. Mrs. Murphy is the proud grandmother of eight, and she is also the proud greatgrandmother of eight.

Beyond caring for her family, Mrs. Murphy has been an involved member of the City of Brooklyn Democratic Party for nearly 50 years. In 1955, Mrs. Murphy volunteered her time to work on election day, and by the late fifties, she was elected to serve as precinct committee person—a position she holds to this day. With a quick and agile mind and an equally energized spirit, Mrs. Murphy continues to volunteer her time and talents in service to her community. Moreover, Mrs. Murphy continues to energize the Democratic Party of Brooklyn with her dedication, integrity, loyalty, and hopeful outlook.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in tribute and recognition of Mary H. Murphy, as she is being honored by the City of Brooklyn as the "Democrat of the Year." Mrs. Murphy continues to be an inspiration to everyone in her life—especially to her family and friends. Her friendship, convictions, boundless energy, joy, and good works are invaluable gifts, and her spirit of volunteerism continues to uplift the City of Brooklyn, and our entire community. We wish her continued health and happiness today, and all days to come.

#### HONORING WILLIAMSVILLE EAST FLAMES HOCKEY TEAM

#### HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 24, 2004*

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to congratulate the Williamsville East High School Flames of Amherst New York. On March 21, 2004, the Flames brought home the school's first ever Division II State Hockey Championship. It was also the first state championship in any sport for the school.

Williamsville East triumphed 3–2 in an exciting overtime Division II title game. The Flames displayed dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the entire season, and the Championship is a testament to the hours of hard work they put in during practice and the effort and desire to win they brought to the rink each game. The State Title was achieved by a team of 21 devoted young men. They are: Graham Townsend, Mike Ross, Kyle Lucey, Matt Gelia, Joe Ash, Paul Clair, Mike Calzi, Alex Durinka, Mike Kaminska, Justin Rusek, Sean Sheeran, Matt McGlone, Jason Tartick, Lyle Rocker, Phil Bermel, Jarrod Etengoff, Andrew Ross, Jamie Tuchiarelli, Richard Calzi, Anthony Clair, and Jonathan Toole.

I would like to offer this Congress' congratulations to the team, including the Head Coach, Mike Torrillo; his Assistant Coaches, Derek Gilham, Dan Hartman, and Manager Joe Guadagnino; Williamsville East Athletic Director Scott Taylor; and Principal Neal Miller.

The entire Western New York community is proud of all that they have accomplished.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that this Congress join me in honoring and recognizing the Williamsville East Flames Hockey team for bringing home the school's first ever Division II State Championship.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PEACE CORPS DAY

#### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 24, 2004*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, during March, we celebrate National Peace Corps Day, honoring the 168,000 Americans who have served as volunteers since the creation of the Peace Corps in 1961. These amazing men and women have served our Nation in 136 countries. Peace Corps volunteers have made enormous contributions in the areas of agriculture, business development, education, health, and the environment, and in so doing have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world. The Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our Nation's commitment to encourage progress and create opportunity in the developing world.

My own background as an educator and director at Outward Bound for 20 years taught me about the importance of national and community service. But I also have strong connections to the Peace Corps—through my great State of Colorado and through my family. Colorado has one of the highest levels of recruitment of Peace Corps volunteers nationwide, and returned Peace Corps Volunteers in the 2nd Congressional District alone number over 500. Of course, the most important Peace Corps connection for me is my mother, who served as a volunteer in Nepal decades ago.

Because of these connections I have a special interest in advancing the ability of the Peace Corps to play an important role in these new times. I believe we must work to continue to promote world peace and friendship through the people-to-people approach of the Peace Corps. That's why I worked with my colleague Representative SAM FARR last year to introduce legislation known as the Peace Corps Charter for the 21st Century Act that would strengthen and expand the Peace Corps. The bill passed the House as part of H.R. 1950, a bill authorizing programs at the Department of State. I am hopeful that the Senate will pass the bill before the end of the 108th Congress.

The Peace Corps is one of the most admired and successful initiatives ever put in place. I'm proud that the following young people from the 2nd Congressional District are presently serving in countries all over the world: Vanessa Adams, Ben Armitage, Molly E. Boynton, Ryan G. Burgess, Millicent S. Butterworth, Yun Chang, Shaun P. Cosgrove, Brian P. Cox, Shaun P. Cronin, Gene F. Defosse, Nicholas J. Detsch, Aryn M. Fleegler, Brooke S. Franke, David Gelvin, Marion C. Hackman, Jessica E. Hanson, Bret G. Harry, Dustin A. Hinrichs, Anna D. Jankowski, Betty J. Kelly, Joseph R. Kelly, Rebecca J. Knerl, Wendy L. Maxwell, Kerith (Kay) M. Miller, Stephanie A. Ogden, Sarah K. Oltmans, Johanna S. Patrick, Benjamin J. Ploeger, Matthew N. Rice, Paul J. Robyn, Trent W. Ruder, Kate A. Rudkin, Kathleen M. Shannon, Melinda E. Simonson, David W. Sparkman, Robert B. Sweetman, Amanda R. Tennant, Michelle L. Tinkler, Ryan P. Van Duzer, Gabrielle Varani, Michael J. Walzak, Anthony R. White, Barry M. Wick.

A pebble tossed into a still pond creates ripples that begin small and grow larger. Peace

Corps volunteers have had this same effect on the people they have touched. The Peace Corps experience exemplifies how individuals can make a tremendous difference in the lives and perceptions of people in developing countries as well as people right here at home.

National Peace Corps Day honors the volunteers, past and present, and reaffirms our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world. Today I honor all of the men and women who have selflessly and generously served our country in the Peace Corps.

#### A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF STAFF SERGEANT LESTER O. KINNEY II

#### HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 24, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and community of Staff Sgt. Lester O. Kinney II upon the death of this outstanding soldier.

Staff Sgt. Kinney was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division's 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He served his great Nation in the country of Iraq as a leader in his unit. A loving husband to his wife Marisa, and loving son to his parents Jack and Barb Lloyd, Sgt. Kinney served courageously for 8 years in the United States Army.

Sgt. Kinney will be remembered for his unsurpassed sacrifice of self while protecting others. His example of strength and fortitude will be remembered by all those who knew him.

While words cannot express our grief during the loss of such a courageous soldier, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of Staff Sgt. Lester O. Kinney II.

#### IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF TIMOTHY HORGAN

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 24, 2004*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker I rise today in honor and recognition of Timothy F. Horgan, Health Commissioner of Cuyahoga County, upon the occasion of his retirement following nearly 35 years of service and dedication to Ohio residents in the areas of public health, recreation and safety.

Throughout his tenure, Mr. Horgan focused on protecting and enhancing the health of Ohio residents of all ages. With the support of Ohio's recreation industry, he wrote the legislation for Ohio's first recreational licensing program that monitored swimming pools, campgrounds and marinas.

While serving as the Director of Environmental Health at the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, Mr. Horgan was instrumental in the development and passage of legislation that significantly updated food protection laws. He also took the lead in investigating an outbreak of infant pulmonary hemorrhaging cases, and